

# ROAD BONDS OKAYED; MONEY AVAILABLE

## Thousand to Take Part in Big Grotto Ceremonial on May 12

### OTIS SMITH TO BE MAN OF THE HOUR THAT DAY

Exercises Start at 9 O'clock in Morning and Continue Throughout Day and Night; Always Busy.

### REDUCED FARES ARE GIVEN BY RAILWAYS

DeMolay Visitors are Expected to Attend to Witness Work; Features for Them.

All set and "feeling to go." Aahmes Grotto from the four corners of the world, will gather in Ardmore Friday May 12, to participate in the big ceremonial and May-day festival arranged by the local organization of which Otis Smith is monarch, George Daunis, secretary, and Jack Jones, organizer.

There will be 1,000 members and candidates taking part in the ceremonies and festivals. Visitors from every section of the state will be here and a conservative estimate is placed at 2,000 out of town guests. Headquarters for members and candidates at Palace Theater while ladies will register at Hotel Ardmore.

Many special features are being arranged for the day, and in addition to the work of the Aahmes Grotto, entertainment is being provided for the ladies—thrusting parties and motor rides will be included in the afternoon program.

DeMolay Visitors Expected. DeMolay visitors are also expected to be here to witness the ceremonial, and entertainments are also being planned for their pleasure. Ardmore members of the DeMolay under the direction of George Poulter will doubtless arrange some enjoyable stunts.

At least 100 DeMolay members, from Healdton, Wilson, Dillard, Madill and other nearby cities are expected to be present.

Reduced Rates on All Roads. Reduced rates on all roads leading into Ardmore have been arranged. The entire day will be one of unalloyed fun and enjoyment if the plans of the local organization are carried out, and that these plans will be carried out is evidenced by the work already accomplished by every committee, appointed several weeks ago to attend to these matters.

Committees. Committees in charge of the various phases of the day's plans are: Stunts, L. L. Dunlap, L. McDonald, C. H. Everett, O. E. Ritter, Ray Beede, Frank Berryhill, J. G. Ridpath; petition, H. M. Davis, O. Creekmore, E. L. Perry; parade, Don Cochran, W. A. Harris, Howard Langston; men's entertainment, L. H. Love, John Dexter, G. E. Dressel, L. D. Ricker, H. V. Anderson; women's entertainment, Mrs. R. L. Gardenhire, Mrs. O. M. Smith, Mrs. Tom Frame, Mrs. Beulah Hightower, Mrs. Edward Galt, Mrs. Roy Johnson; lunch, J. C. Clifton, Olin Wolverton; J. W. Davis; program, C. E. Sykes, Homer Hinkle, Walter Nuestadt, P. D. Maxwell; class direction, R. M. Johnson, Edward Galt, Wirt Franklin; publicity, J. A. Lloyd, F. G. Park, John Easley, K. M. Sutton, Paul Shelby; automobiles, Tom Cooper, E. B. James, Stanley Leachman, C. G. Whitchurch; medical, Dr. A. G. Cowles, L. W. Dowdy, J. H. Cameron, L. D. Gillespie and J. K. Lindsey; safety, R. A. Hefner, E. J. Cowles, P. B. Jeffries, Cecil Harvey, H. G. Crichfield; stage, J. G. Ridpath, J. B. Wheeler.

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### FRANKLIN WELL DRILLS DEEPER

Passes Through Oil Sand With Small Production at 1763-80 Feet and Into Brown Shale.

The Wirt Franklin test on the George farm, in the northwest of the southwest of the southeast of the southeast of section 17, 5-16, one and one-fourth miles northwest of production drilled through the sand Saturday afternoon at 1763-80 feet and was drilling late last night in the shale at 1800 feet. There is some oil in the hole from the sand passed through, which in the opinion of the operators would make a small producer. Drilling is being carried on in search of a more prolific pay. Indications that the Franklin well has good possibilities are apparent following the finding of the latest oil sand, which is believed may be in correlation with the showings encountered in the producers of the Amerasia field, prior to tapping the Powers sand. Geology of the area shows a dip towards the northwest from the direction of the present producing area of the pool.



OTIS SMITH, Monarch, Aahmes Grotto

## LAWTON PASTOR AT LIBERTY ON ARSON CHARGE

County Attorney Drops Abduction Probe Saying Irwin Planned Whole Affair; Church Was Burned.

(By the Associated Press) LAWTON, Okla.—Charged with setting fire to his church with the purpose of gaining sympathy for himself and casting suspicion on his enemies of the Lawton Presbyterian church congregation, the Rev. Thomas J. Irwin is free under bond today to answer on May 10 to an arson information filed against him by County Attorney Fletcher Riley.

H. C. Lewis, supporter of the pastor in the church fight, and a member of the board of sessions of the church, will be arraigned with Mr. Irwin on a similar charge.

The sensational charge against the former pastor followed a court of inquiry conducted by the county attorney and came in the face of declarations by the pastor that the alleged incendiary fires at the church were set by enemies.

The pastor also blamed suspended members of the church for his alleged abduction last Saturday night. The county attorney, however, indicated he had dropped the investigation of the abduction after obtaining information which tended to confirm the belief that Irwin arranged his abduction.

The denouement, according to the county attorney, came when Mr. Irwin and other members of the church board of sessions were seated in an anteroom at the courthouse waiting to be called before the court of inquiry. In conversation, they revealed information which led to the filing of the arson charge, the county attorney said. A telephonic device had been secreted in the anteroom. In this manner, the county attorney said he listened in.

The estimated cost of smoke to the people of one large American industrial

## WASTE OF HUMAN ENERGY IN COAL STRIKE, IS SAID

Work in Fields Will Cease in Ninety Days, Engineer Believes; Real Struggle to Come Then

(By the Associated Press) NEW YORK.—The real facts of the coal strike are not understood clearly by the public, coal mining engineers insist, according to a view gathered from them by the American Engineering Council and made public last week. The engineers declare that nationalization of mines would be dangerous and socialist and that victory for the miners would prove their own undoing.

"The nation's coal bill includes too much unemployment and too little productive work," George Otis Smith, director of the United States Geological Survey said, "and there is a shameful waste of human energy instead of an exhibit of industrial strength."

Edwin Ludlow, a prominent engineer, asserted that in 90 days, unless something happened before then, there will become a complete cessation of work in the coal fields, "and then the real battle will begin."

SHOT PUT RECORD BROKEN BY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE

STOCKTON, Calif.—Clarence (Bud) Houser, Oxnard, Calif., high school, broke the world's interscholastic record with a 16 pound shot put by heaving it 45 feet 9 3/4 inches, Saturday.

The old record was held by the late Ralph Rose, who threw the shot 45 feet 6 1/2 inches at San Francisco on May 5, 1903.

A compilation of the last census figures show that 50.3 per cent of the entire population, 19 years of age or over, were engaged in some gainful occupation.

## HENRY DAVIDSON DIES AS ETHER CONE IS PLACED

Member of J. P. Morgan and Company was Undergoing Operation for Tumor Removal.

### NO FAREWELL GIVEN FAMILY, FRIENDS SAY

News of Death Received in Wall Street Over Special Wires Saturday.

NEW YORK.—Henry P. Davidson of J. P. Morgan and Company, died on the operating table Saturday afternoon. Mr. Davidson was placed on the table for a second operation to remove a tumor resting on the auditory nerve. The operations were performed in a special room fitted up in his country home at Peacock Point, in Locust Valley, Long Island.

Five members of the Morgan farm, keeping vigil at the offices in Wall street received first news of his death over a special telegraph wire.

Mr. Davidson was under the influence of an anesthetic when the end came. Only the doctors and nurses were in the room with him. Members of his family and intimate friends, including J. P. Morgan, were in the house waiting word from the surgeons.

Intimate friends of Mr. Davidson, said that he had taken no formal farewell of his family. He apparently was in buoyant spirits when he was carried into the operating chamber.

But it was evident that Mr. Davidson realized the seriousness of his condition for he expressed two wishes before the ether cone was placed. One was that he be laid to rest in Locust Valley. The second was that his funeral be as unostentatious as possible.

## KIDS REVEL IN ICE CREAM AND CAKE HERE

PARSONS, Kans.—Every La-bette county youngster, who came to Parsons Saturday got all of the ice cream and cake he could eat free. This feature of county health welfare day attracted more than 200 school pupils to the city.

The truck meets and clinic made up the day's program. Parsons bankers provided the "treats." The Red Cross of the county supervised the welfare work.

## HARDING WON'T TALK ON BONUS

McCumber Plan Presented and Reviewed at Conference; Smoot Has Another Measure.

WASHINGTON.—President Harding, after a conference Saturday with senate finance committee members withheld opinion on the soldiers bonus question until he can study the various plans proposed.

The McCumber plan was presented to President Harding by senate republican leaders, who included Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, and Chairman McCumber and Senators Curtis of Kansas, and Watson of Indiana, members of the finance committee.

The measure is similar to that passed by the house except that the so-called reclamation option has been eliminated. Provision would be made for loans to veterans on adjusted service certificates, advances to be made in the first three years by banks and thereafter by the government.

Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking republican on the finance committee, plans to present later a definite bonus proposal to the president. The chief feature of his plan is a 20 year endowment life insurance policy for veterans, with no specific provision for loans.

An odorless powder is being manufactured by a German company which, it is claimed, will render wool mothproof.

## Richards Under Fine and Board Split by Ruling

Claims that two members of the city school board are holding their positions illegally and charges preferred against Superintendent of Schools C. W. Richards by the father of a girl student of the Third ward school came to light Saturday afternoon in a call meeting of the school board.

The two members of the board, who it is claimed have no right to hold their positions are Franklin Bourland and Dr. J. C. McNeese. They have forfeited their places in accepting other offices at the hands of the people, it is asserted. Dr. McNeese is health officer while Mr. Bourland is under-sheriff under Ewing London.

These claims are substantial by an opinion handed down by the attorney general which was read at the call meeting by W. R. Burnitt, chairman of the board.

To Contest Places. Mr. Bourland notified the rest of the board, through James H. Mathers, his attorney, that he would contest for the place, and asked for a hearing. This was set for next week. Dr. McNeese declared that he was perfectly willing to step down if it were illegal to hold both positions.

Immediately after the board members agreed to pass the disposition of this matter over until next week, the board was presented by a statement by J. C. Moore, father of 15-year old Wilma Moore, which stated that Mr. Richards had defamed the girl's character and had brought reproach upon her through defamatory remarks.

With Mr. Moore came a number of women. They told the board they were there to back up Mr. Moore. Following the charges preferred, the statement asked the school board to remove Mr. Richards as head of the city schools.

"We cannot hear this petition this afternoon," Mr. Burnitt told the delegation. "I am willing to hear it at a future date, although I believe it is nothing but a piece of spite work."

Is Set Over. Frank Gates and Mrs. Ikard, other members of the school board agreed that it would be impossible to go into the girl's case at this time and accordingly it was set over until next Friday.

According to the girl's story Mr. Richards connected her name with misconduct. She charges that he abused her, believing that she was an orphan. The principal denies that he abused her but declares that he did call her into his office to investigate a report two school boys had made. "I only want the truth to be known," he stated.

It is not known what connection, if any, there is between the attempt to remove two members of the school board and the girl's charges.

## REMOVED JUROR WANTS REVENGE

Ousted From Small Jury He Wants "Same Chance That Governor is Getting."

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—Charles Melville, ousted from the Small Jury yesterday after he had been accepted and then dismissed appeared before Judge Clair C. Edwards in his chambers this morning and demanded vindication before the world.

"I have been convicted without a hearing," Melville declared with a tremor in his voice. "I want the same chance that Governor Small is getting to square myself."

Melville was dismissed by the defense on a preemptory challenge after the governor's lawyers presented an affidavit from Robert Fagan, a vendor, accusing Melville of making improper remarks about the case in the jury.

## SECRET SERVICE AGENTS NAB SEVEN AFTER YEAR'S WORK

DETROIT.—Seven men, declared by federal officers to have obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars for Bolshevik propaganda through a conspiracy to raise \$5 reserve notes to higher denominations, were arrested here Saturday after an investigation by the secret service that began nearly a year ago.

## STATE APPROVES COUNTY'S ISSUE FOR GOOD ROADS

### THREE NEGROES BURNED AT STAKE IN TEXAS TOWN

Blacks Were Accused of Murdering White School Girl Near Kirven on Thursday.

KIRVEN, Texas.—Three negroes, were burned to death at the same stake here at 5 o'clock Saturday morning by a mob of 5000 determined men following their alleged implication in the criminal assault and murder of 17 year old Eura Awsley, white girl, whose mutilated body was found near here Thursday night.

Snap Curry, the first negro burned, was taken from the custody of Freestone county officers early in the night as he was being conveyed from Wortham to some point west. It is alleged that he confessed to the mob that he had assaulted and murdered the girl and that in his confession, he implicated two other negroes, J. H. Varney, and Mose Jones.

Suspects Taken From Jail. The mob divested the sheriff of his key to the Freestone county jail where Jones and Varney were being held as suspects. Hurrying to the jail, the mob unlocked the doors and took the two negroes in charge. All three negroes were then rushed to Kirven, the home of the dead girl and an iron stake driven into the ground on a small square in the heart of the town. Wood was accumulated and saturated with oil. Curry was burned first and then Varney and Jones. There was some delay in burning the last two inasmuch as they steadfastly maintained their innocence. The third degree methods failed to bring a confession from them and they were finally cremated on the strength of Curry's testimony.

After the third negro had been burned to death, all three bodies were piled together and a mass of fuel and oil flung over them. This was ignited, the flames soaring 25 or 30 feet in the air.

The mob rapidly dispersed and at dawn there were only a few persons remaining to witness the aftermath of the triple burning.

Employer Was Present. All three negroes were employed on the farm of J. T. King, prominent farmer of this community and grandfather of the dead girl, with whom she lived, both her parents being dead. Mr. King was present at the cremation.

The lynchings were carried out deliberately. There was no discharge of firearms. It is reported, however, that the negroes were mutilated before being tied to the stake. With the exception of a few shouts and the screams of the condemned, there was little to disturb the early morning quiet of this backwoods community. The incineration took place on a small open plot directly in front of two small churches. One of the negroes is said to have died singing a church anthem.

Kirven is a town of about 500 inhabitants, situated in Freestone county in east central Texas about 30 miles south of Dallas.

## France to Stand With Belgium in Russian Scrape

GENOA.—France will stand with Belgium in opposing that part of the allies in the memorandum to Russia dealing with the property in Russia of foreign owners.

In consequence of the decision, which was communicated to Premier Lloyd George by M. Barthou, head of the French delegation Saturday evening, another crisis has arisen which endangers the conference and may or may not be settled before the British prime minister returns to London.

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars Is Made Available and Is Placed in Bank for Use.

Approved by the attorney general's office, Carter county's \$500,000 road bond issue, is now in the shape of money.

Following the approval at the hands of the attorney general's office, the R. J. Edwards Co., and the American National Bank of Oklahoma City, bond buyers, deposited the sum of \$513,000 which will be available at once.

Commissioners said Saturday night that plans were already being drawn for the road improvements. The huge sum of money, with Federal aid which will be matched on some of the highway work, will benefit practically every main road in the county.

On the Springer road crushed rock will probably be used, according to Roy Johnson, one of the commissioners. Two or three miles of concrete will be laid on the road leading out of Ardmore and on the Springer road.

A number of miles of the east road will be hard surfaced, while arteries in the oil fields, the Berwyn road and the main road to Johnson county will all be resurfaced, it is declared.

The dumping of the bond money into Carter at this time, is expected to give employment to numbers of local men as well as to stimulate business generally.

## MAN DROPS DEAD AT CITY OFFICE

Tenny Assisted in Organization of Ardmore Boiler Works; Owned Hamburger Stand.

J. H. Tenney, owner of the hamburger stand, at the rear of the State National Bank building, died at 10 o'clock Saturday morning while in the office of the building inspector at the city hall. Mr. Tenney was making a business call and was apparently in the best of health when he suddenly collapsed. He was attended at once by city physician Dr. A. Y. Easterwood, but did not regain consciousness.

The body is in charge of Harvey Brothers, undertakers. Arrangements for the funeral services, await word from relatives in Seattle, Washington, former home of deceased.

Mr. Tenney was 55 years old. He was by trade a boiler maker and was a member of the Boiler Workers Union at Seattle. He assisted in the organization of the Ardmore Boiler Works Company.

## BO HAS HARD LUCK WITH TEAM AT MISSOURI MEET

COLUMBIA, Mo.—The University of Missouri track team overwhelmed Bo McMillan's seven "praying colonels" here Saturday morning in a dual meet, 89% to 10%.

The Kentuckians played in only six events, taking only one first, gained when Kimball beat Maxwell out by two yards at the tape in 880-yard run. Kimball also ran Poague a dead heat in the mile run, the latter coming from behind to reach the tape with the Centre star.

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THE ARDMOREITE



## Last Scene in Ballew's Hectic Drama of Life to Be Written Today

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock all that is mortal of Bud Ballew will be consigned to the dust in the little churchyard cemetery at Lone Grove, beside the grave of his father and end son.

The Masons of Carter county will be in charge of the services, which will be conducted at the Lone Grove Methodist church by Rev. J. F. Young of Ardmore.

Mrs. Ballew who had been visiting relatives in Cash, Okla., returned to Ardmore late Saturday afternoon and went immediately to Harvey's undertaking parlors where she viewed the body. She was met at Waurika earlier in the day by friends from Ardmore who accompanied her here.

Bud Ballew, one of the last of the famous southwestern gunmen and peace officers of his generation, died "with his boots on," as he always wished to end his career.

Bud's body, bearing five bullet holes, was brought back home Friday night from across the Texas border, where he mixed yesterday with Chief of Police J. W. McCormick, who is a former Texas ranger.

For once Bud's guns did not get into action. He died at least eight others have died at his hands. And the irony of it, from the standpoint of his friends, he dropped with his pistols in their holsters. Bud "never popped a cap."

Ballew was brought back from Wichita Falls Friday night first in an airplane to his family and to his chief, Buck Garrett, former sheriff of Carter county.

Tears welling in his eyes, Buck Garrett, after inspecting the body of his lieutenant, who several times saved his life in gun fights, declared Bud was murdered.

"Didn't Have a Chance." "He didn't have a chance," said Garrett.

"Five shots and all from the back," Garrett said, shaking his head. Garrett said the law should be allowed to take its course, and indicated no feud would arise across the border as the result of the slaying.

Dr. Walter Hardy, who examined the body of Ballew, said there were indications that more than one gun had figured in the shooting.

An X-ray photograph revealed a bullet under the left arm which appeared to be of large calibre. Dr. Hardy said. Two other wounds, the physician said he believed, were made by smaller bullets.

Disliked Natural Death. Ballew always told his friends he wanted "to pass out with his boots on." He did not desire to die a natural death. Ballew's daring as a peace officer was noted in the southwest, as were his escapades. He feared no one but Buck Garrett, whom he loved.

While Bud was always called Bud and refused to give his Christian name—was as picturesque in person as were his deeds. The principal thing that attracted attention was his shock of curly red hair. He was a big man, standing five feet, eleven inches. He wore a cherubic expression which be-

lieved his character, a wide brimmed dust colored hat, and high cow boots, despite the fact that he drove a motor car much of the time in recent years.

But Ballew was a horseman as good as any in this country, where spirited western bronchos prevail. In fact, it was a roundup which took him on his last trip to Wichita Falls. He entered a roping contest to vie with cowboys in horsemanship.

Was "One-Gun" Man. While Bud usually wore two guns strapped to him, he was a one-gun man. He never became accustomed to what he termed the "new-fangled" automatic revolvers, but depended on a single-action .45 pistol. He "fanned" the trigger as he drew and discharged each shot. Ballew is said to have car-

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